

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An information recording medium comprising:

a first recording layer in which a first recording track path to record therein record information is formed; and

a second recording layer which is laminated on said first recording layer and in which a second recording ~~track~~track path to record therein the record information is formed in a direction opposite to the first recording track path,

in one recording layer of said first and second recording layers, a predetermined area in which focus leading of laser light is performed reflecting the laser light,

in the other recording layer of said first and second recording layers, a facing area which faces the predetermined area not reflecting the laser light,

wherein a light absorption or light scattering film is disposed in a portion corresponding to the facing area in the other recording layer.

2. (original) The information recording medium according to claim 1, wherein a reflective film corresponding to the facing area is lacking in the other recording layer.

3. (cancelled)

4. (original) The information recording medium according to claim 1, wherein the one recording layer is disposed closer to a side where the laser light is irradiated than to the other recording layer, and the light absorption or light scattering film is disposed on a side of the facing area in a portion corresponding to the predetermined area.

5. (original) The information recording medium according to claim 1, wherein the one recording layer is disposed closer to a side where the laser light is irradiated than to the other recording layer, and a whole reflective film is disposed in a portion corresponding to the predetermined area.

6. (original) The information recording medium according to claim 1, wherein

the predetermined area is an area of a lead-in area in which control data is recorded, and

the facing area is a partial area of a lead-out area.